dations of Review Committee are still under consideration of the Government. It has since been decided to defer consideration by Committee of Secretaries till the matter is examined by Science Advisory Council to the Prime Minister.

(b) and (c) No, Sir. Government have not received any such threats. However, Government are aware of the views of CSIR Laboratory Directors on the recommendations in the Report. Decision on the recommendations will be taken only after full consideration of all relevant aspects.

**Conversion of Staff Artists as Government Servants**

216. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of Staff Artists regularised as Government servants w.e.f. 6th March, 1982 and eligible for promotion to higher grades have not yet been given any promotion to various equated regular programme cadres;

(b) the number of promotions given to such Staff Artists since 6th March, 1982 in each equated regular programme cadre against their quota, year-wise; and

(c) by when Government propose to grant promotion to such equated Staff Artists in various equated regular programme grades against the quota earmarked for such converted Staff Artists?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) Vacancies earmarked for Staff Artists for promotion to the grade of Deputy Director General and Station Director (Ordinary Grade) have already been filled while Departmental Promotion Committee for filling vacancies in Station Director grade will take place shortly. Vancancies earmarked for Staff Artists in the grade of Assistant Station Director and Programme Executive could not be filled up so far due to certain administrative constraints, although the vacancies have been kept aside according to their ratio.

(b) Promotions to the regular Programme cadre are to be made in accordance with the Recruitment Rules notified on 23rd October, 1984. The number of promotions given to Staff Artists in the equated categories in the equated categories in the Programme cadre since the notification of these Recruitment Rules is as under:—

| | Vacancies earmarked for Staff Artists | Promotions made |
|---|---|---|
| *Deputy Director General* | | |
| Year 1985 | 1 | 1 |
| *Station Director (Ordinary Grade)* | | |
| Year 1985 | 4 | 4 |
| Year 1986 | 3 | 2* |

*One person died before taking over charge.

(c) The promotions to various cadres from amongst eligible persons including Staff Artists are done in accordance with the notified Recruitment Rules, against their respective quotas. The Staff Artists declared as Government servants will be observed in the regular programme cadre at the time of their promotion, depending upon the availability of vacancies in their respective quota.

**Schemes to be axed to save Rs. 1000 Crores**

217. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:
SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his

*Opened in 1986